**Changes Recommended by Medical Council in Medical Education**

1148. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are cosnidering to bring changes in the Medical Education; and

(b) whether the Indian Medical Council has recommended to Governemnt new regulations for establishing the Medical Colleges; if so, what are the main changes recommended by them over the existing regulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Medical council of India has recommended changes in the existing regulation on Establishment of new medical colleges. The main changes proposed by the M.C.I. in the existing regulations are given in the Annexed statement. The modifications proposed by M.C.I. have been finalised with such modifications as considered appropriate by the Government.

**Wonder Cure Antineoplastin**

1149. SHRI R. MARGABANDHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appeared in Economic Times (Chennai Edition) dated 20th January, 1999 about the wonder cure ANTINEOPLASTIN, developed by a Scientist Professor, who is the Head of the Department of Science and Bio-technology, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the salient features of the discovery;

(c) whether any request has been received by Government from the University for support; and

(d) at which stage this new drug stands, before approval by the Directorate of Drugs Control, for public utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) The Durg Controller General of India has stated that there is no application for registration of this new drug or registration for new use, if it is an old drug.

(c) As per information received from the Ministry of Science & Technology and the Indian Council of Medical Research, they have not received any request for supporting the above research project.

**Opening of More Ayurvedic And Homoeopathic Units of CGHS in Delhi**

1150. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps being taken by Government to promote and expand Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic system of medicine in CGHS, Delhi;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open more CGHS Units of Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic systems of treatment in Delhi and New Delhi; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when such units are likely to be opened to give relief to the present unsatisfactory functioning of CGHS Allopathic Dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (c) Proposals for opening more Homeopathic Ayurvedic units under CGHS Delhi have been include under the Ninth Five Year Plan which is yet under consideration. Such proposals could not be considered earlier due to resource constraints.

**Diploma Course in Homoeopathic Pharmacy**

1151. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for starting Diploma course in Homoeopathic Pharmacy in Government recognised institutes in the country is under active consideration of Government;

(b) whether Government are also considering to have a prescribed syllabus for education and establishment of a Homoeopathic Pharmacy Council for registration of Homoeopathic Pharmacists; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Proposals for starting pharmacy courses in Homoeopathy, and setting up a homoeopathy pharmacy council are under the consideration of the Government.

**IMC's Suggestion for Panel on Population Control**

1152. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the plans/schemes commenced during the past few years to benefit the common man, could not yield tangible results because of population explosion;

(b) whether Indian Medical Council has suggested to Government for creation of a panel to suggest effective measures to control population explosion in the country; and

(c) if so, by when such a panel is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Fast growth of population has, to some extent, diluted the beneficial effects of the developmental programmes and schemes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In the recent past, the Government had constituted several high level committees and experts groups to advise it on the steps to be taken for population stabilization in the country. Taking into consideration suggestions from these Committees a draft National Policy has been prepared by the Ministry of Helath and Family Welfare, which is at present under Government's consideration. The draft Policy addresses some of the issues highlighted by the IMA resolution.

**Imposition of Ban on Colouring of Foods and Drinks**

1153. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even the permitted colours used in Sweets, Pastries, Colias, fast foods are injurious to health and even carcinogenic;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to curb and progressively ban all colouring of foods and drinks;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 permit only those colours which have been recognised as safe by FAO/WHO. Morever use of thse colurs is permitted only in specified articles of food within prescribed limits.